

# First Presbyterian Church



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Inspired by Scripture, guided by Spirit, and nourished by our life together, we seek to be a reflection of God's radical grace. We believe God's love models a world without walls; therefore, we provide a safe and affirming home where you are welcomed exactly as you are. No matter the color or your skin, who you love, your gender, or the unique ways your mind and body work, you have a place here. Following the way of Jesus and empowering one another to grow in faith, we commit to feeding the hungry, caring for those in need, and working for justice and peace in our community and the world—living out our confidence in the promises of God.

February 15, 2026  
Transfiguration Sunday

**PRELUDE**

*Rhosemedre*

R. Vaughn Williams

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*We are delighted that you have joined us this Lord's Day. If you'd like to learn more about our mission and ministry, we invite you to speak to the Pastor or an Elder.*

**GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

*Swiftly pass the clouds of glory*

GTG #190, vs. 1

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: On a high mountain, the glory of God was revealed in the face of Jesus Christ.

**Congregation: We behold his light, yet we confess how often we remain in the shadows.**

Leader: God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts.

**Congregation: We come to have the veil lifted, that we might see the brilliance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Let us worship the God of transformation!

**Congregation: Let the light of Christ shine in us and through us this day.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**God of glorious light, you revealed your design for humanity in the transfigured face of your Son. We thank you that you do not leave us on the mountaintop, but walk with us into the valleys. Unveil our hearts today. Warm our tepid faith until it radiates your love, so that when others look at us, they see only Jesus. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 189**

*O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Holy God, you shine with a brilliance that transforms the world, yet we confess that we often live as though the light has not reached us. We hold onto our old ways, preferring the comfort of the shadows to the challenge of your glory. We have built walls where you called us to build bridges; we have been silent when you called us to speak your grace. Forgive us for the ways we obscure your love from those who seek it. Grant us the courage to be changed, that your light might shine clearly through our lives and into your world. Amen.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

*Glimpsed and gone the revelation*

GTG #190, vs. 2

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: It is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts.

**Congregation: God gives us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to shine!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

***Glory be to the Creator, and to the Christ and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end!  
Amen, amen***

## \*THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Please greet those near to you with the peace of Christ.

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Linda Bradley  
Mark Schweizer

#### ANTHEM *O, Make a Joyful Noise*

After six days, Jesus led Peter, James, and John  
high upon a mountain top and was transfigured before them,  
and his clothes became dazzling white,  
And there appeared with him, Elijah and Moses.  
Then came a cloud, overshadowing them,  
and there came a voice,  
"This is my beloved Son, O listen."

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT:	Exodus 34:29-35	OT pg. 81
NEW TESTAMENT:	2 Corinthians 4:1-7	NT pg. 180
	Revelation 3:14-22	NT pg. 247
GOSPEL:	Mark 9:2-9	NT pg. 44

#### SERMON *Unveiling the Gospel*

### LITANY FOR THE TRANSFIGURATION

Leader: Blessed is the Lord our God, who revealed the law to Moses.

**Congregation: The Lord our God is holy!**

Leader: Blessed is the Lord our God, who has spoken through the prophets.

**Congregation: The Lord our God is holy!**

Leader: Blessed is the Lord our God, who came to us in Jesus Christ.

**Congregation: The Lord our God is holy!**

Leader: The one who spoke and called light out of darkness now shines in our hearts.

**Congregation: The Lord our God is holy!**

Leader: The one who comes and does not keep silence now speaks in our midst.

**Congregation: The Lord our God is holy!**

Leader: Now we have seen the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**Congregation: The Lord our God is holy!**

Leader: Great God of dazzling beauty and overshadowing majesty ... through Jesus  
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever.

**Congregation: Amen.**

### \*HYMN 193

*Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain*

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

### MOMENT FOR HISTORY PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER INVITATION TO OFFERING

Linda Bradley



With gratitude for the treasure we hold in the clay jars of our lives, let us now offer our gifts to support the unveiling of God's grace in our community and the world. You may present your offering at the front of the sanctuary, or if you prefer to contribute electronically, you can do so using the PayPal QR code in your bulletin or visit our website at [fpcmilledgeville.org](http://fpcmilledgeville.org).



OFFERTORY

*Ever Faithful, Ever Near*

Franklin Ritter

\*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Generous God, we return to you a portion of what you have given us. Use these gifts to build your kingdom, not our own monuments. May our resources be used to make disciples, to feed the hungry, and to share the good news that in Jesus Christ there is new life for all. Amen.**

### BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 11

*Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Lord, transfigure our perception*

GTG #190, vs. 3

POSTLUDE

*Blessed Assurance*

arr. Robert W. Thygerson

***\*At these times the congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.***

*Acknowledgments: All liturgy is written by the Rev. Marianne B. Turner, except the "Litany for the Transfiguration" which is from the Book of Common Worship, Office of Theology and Worship for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Westminster John Knox Press, 2018.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **No youth group today!** Session has called a meeting of the congregation for **today, February 15<sup>th</sup>** immediately following worship. The Care and Fellowship Committee will host a lunch during the meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us!
- Bicentennial Christmas Ornaments are available for sale before worship or in the Church Office. The cost is 1 for \$15 or 2 for \$25. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support the Bicentennial celebration in 2026.
- Are you interested in reading or sharing a moment in history about someone who was important in the life of this church? See Ruby Werts.
- Join us next Sunday for the Milly Free Fridge sandwich squad's monthly service day. Bring sandwich fixings and snacks to support this ministry. See a full list of items in the newsletter.
- Our Lenten Devotional is available online at <https://bit.ly/2026LentenDevotional> or can be picked up beginning Ash Wednesday at the sanctuary entrances near the bulletins.
- Welcome to our new member, Wyatt Henry! Wyatt is a student at GCSU and has been attending for the past few months. We welcome him to our church.
- We begin the Lenten journey together on **Wednesday, February 18th, at 7:00 PM** with our Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary.



**CONDOLENCES**

*BJ Jones and family on the sudden passing of Greg Jones*

**CHURCH FAMILY:**

Harry Beck, ongoing health concerns  
Nan Carpenter, ongoing health concerns  
Louise Sallstrom, ongoing health concerns

**EXTENDED FAMILY:**

Darryl Allen, Andrew Allen's father, ongoing health concerns  
Nannette Green Allen, childhood friend of Margaret Ivester with serious health issues  
Kandace Allen Bivins, friend of Margaret Ivester, heart attack  
Don Goggans, Elaine Goggans' son, stage four cancer  
Elizabeth Knobel, Carolyn Morgan's daughter, ongoing health concerns  
Charles Morgan, Jennifer Flory's father, ongoing health concerns  
Joanne Murphy, Kathy Carroll's mother, ongoing health issues—at Carlyle House in Macon  
John J. Murphy, Kathy Carroll's father, recovering from kidney operation  
Chris Pearson, Sunda Coleman's son, medical complication requiring hospitalization  
Renee Pearson, Sunda Coleman's daughter-in-law, diagnosed with congestive heart failure, at home  
Bob Smart, Anne Smart's husband, ankylosing spondylitis  
Randy Stewart, Haywood Edwards' son-in-law, ongoing health concerns  
Ike Thomas, ongoing cancer treatments  
Dudley Weathers, Anne Weathers' husband, at home in hospice care  
Wayne Woodward, Ruby Werts' brother, diagnosed with Parkinson's

**IN ASSISTED LIVING**

Nan Carpenter, PO Box 527, Jefferson, GA 30549  
Jude Hirsch, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place  
Laura King, The Cottages of Milledgeville, 1010 Fernwood Drive  
Maryanne Morris, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place  
Runette Pounds, Fellowship Home at Meriwether, 10 Meriwether Place  
Louise Sallstrom, The Cottages of Milledgeville, 1010 Fernwood Drive  
Suzy Smith, The Oaks Peake, 400 Foster Rd., A2, Macon, GA 31210

**Greeters**

Feb. 15: Pat & Sherry Henry  
Feb. 22: Nancy Miller & Millie Murphy

**Nursery Volunteers**

Feb. 15: Anne Smart/Margaret Ivester  
Feb. 22: Laurie Peebles/Susan McGill

**Liturgists**

Feb. 15: Jan Hoffman





# O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair 189

Capo 3: (Am) (G) (Am) (C) (D) (Em)  
 Cm B $\flat$  Cm E $\flat$  F Gm

1 O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair  
 2 From age to age the tale de - clare,  
 3 The law and proph - ets there have place,  
 4 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray  
 5 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high

(Am) (Dm) (Am) (Em) (Am)  
 Cm Fm Cm Gm Cm

of glo - ry that the church shall share,  
 how with the three dis - ci - ples there,  
 two cho - sen wit - ness - es of grace;  
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day  
 by this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,

(G) (Dm) (Em) (G) (Am)  
 B $\flat$  Fm Gm B $\flat$  Cm

which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,  
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah meet,  
 the Fa - ther's voice from out the cloud  
 what glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove  
 for which in joy - ful strains we raise

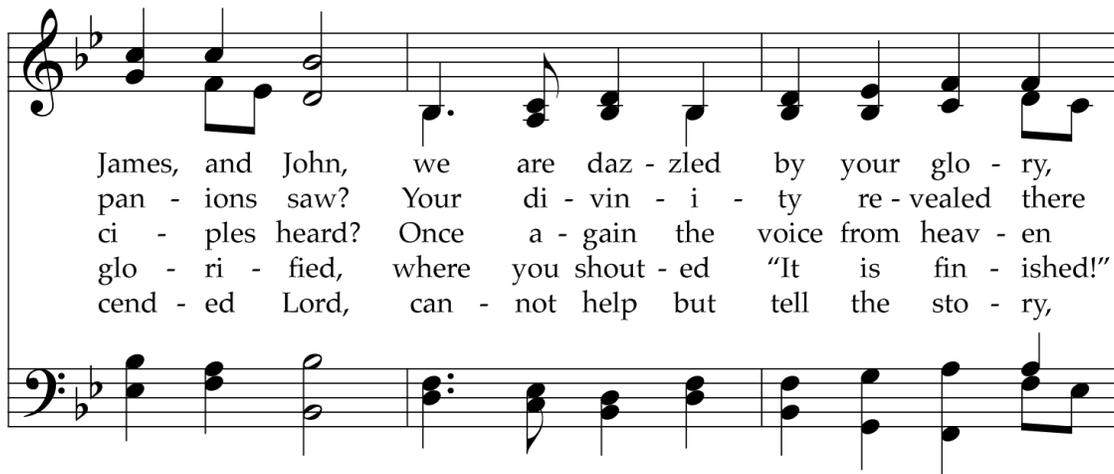
(Em) (Dm) (F) (G) (Am)  
 Gm Fm A $\flat$  B $\flat$  Cm

where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
 the Lord holds con - verse high and sweet.  
 pro - claims his on - ly Son a - loud.  
 who joy in God with per - fect love.  
 the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

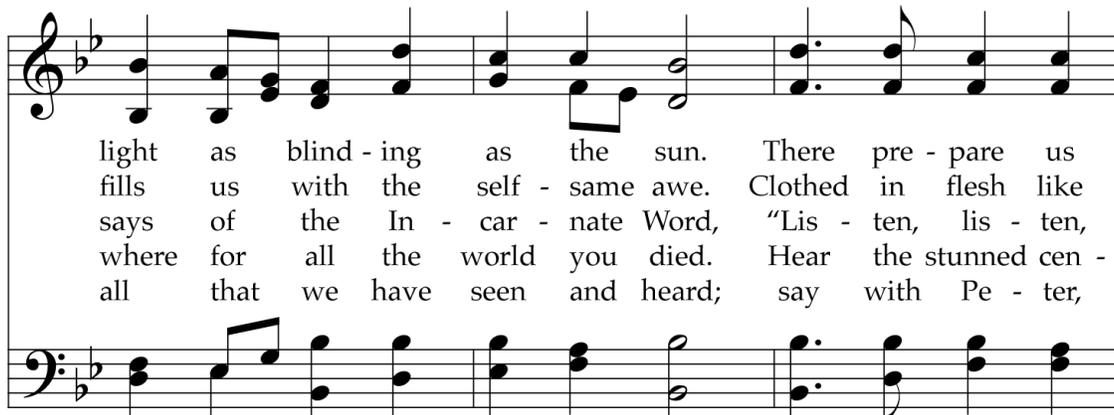
# 193 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain



1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain, where, with Pe - ter,  
2 What do you want us to see there, that your close com -  
3 What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis -  
4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain where we see you  
5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -



James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,  
pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there  
ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en  
glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed "It is fin - ished!"  
cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,



light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us  
fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like  
says of the In - car - nate Word, "Lis - ten, lis - ten,  
where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -  
all that we have seen and heard; say with Pe - ter,

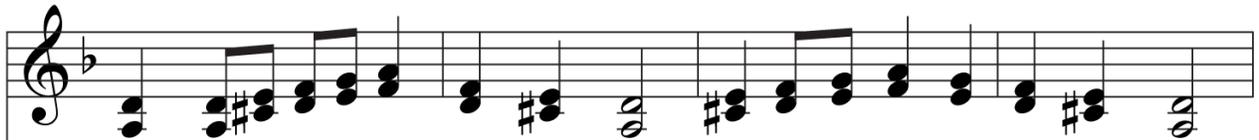
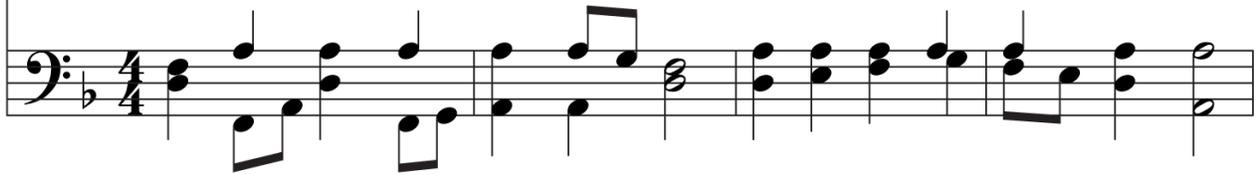


for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.  
ours you go, matched to meet our dead - liest foe.  
ev - ery - one: this is my be - lov - ed Son."  
tur - i - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"  
James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

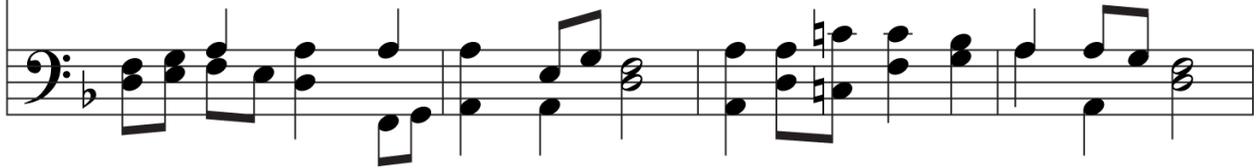
# 11 Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud



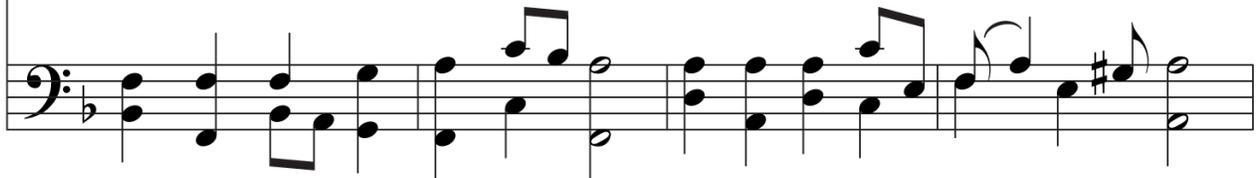
1 Source and Sov-ereign, Rock and Cloud, For-tress, Foun-tain, Shel - ter, Light,  
2 Word and Wis - dom, Root and Vine, Shep-herd, Sav-ior, Ser - vant, Lamb,  
3 Storm and Still - ness, Breath and Dove, Thun-der, Tem-pest, Whirl-wind, Fire,



Judge, De - fend-er, Mer - cy, Might, Life whose life all life en-dowed:  
Well and Wa - ter, Bread and Wine, Way who leads us to I AM:  
Com - fort, Coun-selor, Pres-ence, Love, En - er - gies that nev - er tire:



May the church at prayer re - call that no sin - gle ho - ly name



but the truth be-hind them all is the God whom we pro-claim.

